

Mackinac Bridge February Traffic Report

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Henry A. Lotoszinski, Executive Secretary of the Mackinac Bridge Authority, reported today that 238,647 vehicles crossed the Mackinac Bridge during the month of February. This represents a 4.2 percent increase when compared to the 229,118 crossings during February 2001. Fare revenue for the month was up 4.1 percent compared to last year, going from \$580,535 to \$604,214. Commercial traffic for the month of February was down 0.3 percent with truck crossings up 0.4 percent and bus crossings down 17.4 percent.

Traffic for the first two months of 2002 is running 1.0 percent ahead of last year's pace; 464,435 vehicles versus 459,617 in 2001. Fare revenue in 2002 totals \$1,181,152 compared to \$1,177,901 last year, an increase of 0.3 percent. Commercial traffic for the first two months of 2002 is down 0.9 percent over the same period of last year.

The fewest number of February transactions occurred in 1959, when 20,039 crossed over the Mackinac Bridge, just 8 percent of this year's traffic.